

VIRGINIA ANXIOUS TO PLAY TIGERS IN WASHINGTON

With Woodrow Wilson, Alumni of Both Institutions, in White House, Game Would Attract Immense Crowd—Other Notable Contest in Prospect

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Charlottesville, Va., December 9.—Virginia's 1912 football schedule will in all probability be the heaviest arranged for an Orange and Blue team in recent years. Carrington Williams, president of the general athletic association, today wrote a personal letter to the athletic authorities at Princeton in regard to a game between the Tigers and Virginia in Washington next fall. It is felt here that the request will be received with favor at Princeton, and that the contest will be scheduled for early in October. Virginia has four-neyed to Princeton on several occasions to meet the Tigers on their own gridiron, but only once has Princeton come as far South as Baltimore to meet the Virginians. With Woodrow Wilson in the White House, the game would attract an enormous crowd, and prove the football event of this section next fall. The President would undoubtedly attend the contest.

Today there came a telegram from the manager of the Georgia team asking for a date on the Virginia schedule. It is more than probable that the challenge will be accepted, and that the contest will take place in Atlanta somewhere about the middle of October. Virginia tried to get a game with the Crackers last year. In fact, arrangements were almost completed, but at the last moment the plans fell through. It is quite probable that Vanderbilt and Georgia will become fixtures on the Virginia schedule, the idea being for Virginia to play Georgia at Atlanta the year the Commodores come North, and to meet Vanderbilt in Nashville. This will give the Orange and Blue one long trip each fall. There seems no possibility of any of the bigger eleven of the East ever coming to Charlottesville to play Virginia, and, from their viewpoint, there seems to be no reason why they should, therefore, the Virginians will

invade the East, but will be seen entirely on Southern fields.

Real Games in Prospect.

Manager Williams, of the Virginia team, is now in correspondence with the managers of the Williams, Southmore and Trinity eleven, and hopes to set at least two of these strong Northern teams to come South next year. If two of them accept, the Virginia student body will be given an opportunity of witnessing some real games. Southmore, after a highly successful season, is more than apt to accept Virginia's challenge for an early season game, for the Pennsylvanians were not entirely satisfied over the outcome of the game played on Lambeth Field last year, when Southmore barely won out by a point on a doubtful ruling by one of the officials which robbed Virginia of a touchdown.

The only games already scheduled for Virginia in 1912 are with Vanderbilt, Georgetown and North Carolina. The game with the Commodores will probably be played on Lambeth Field on November 8, and that with Georgetown the week following. Two such stiff battles coming within a week of each other will surely test Virginia to the utmost. The Carolina game is on Thanksgiving Day, as usual.

The Virginia Military Institute team, which won such a signal victory over Virginia in midseason, does not appear at all likely to repeat their recent triumph, for they are more than willing to return to Lambeth Field for another game next fall. The manager, however, to have the game played earlier in the season. Washington and see won from Virginia on a fluke several seasons ago, and therefore demanded a return game, to be played at Lexington. Virginia, feeling that one doubtful victory did not merit such a trip to Lexington, but each year since has been willing to play Washington and Lee on Lambeth Field.

BRESNAHAN'S CLAIM MAY BE ARBITRATED

NEARLY TEN MILES AHEAD OF RECORD

Bicycle Riders Who Start in Six-Day Race Make Further Gains.

New York, December 9.—Gaining further on the record in each successive hour, the bicycle riders who started at midnight last night in the twentieth annual six-day race were nearly ten miles ahead of the best previous performance when the 23d hour score was posted at 11 o'clock to-night. All of the original fifteen teams were then intact without a single sign of any one falling out, and each credited with 512 miles and six laps. The previous record for 23 hours was 502 miles and nine laps. The day as a whole was one steady grind, without any serious accident. The close of the 23d hour to-night, however, saw Jimmy Moran, the partner of Frank Kremer, start an exciting sprint which lasted eight minutes. He led the riders such a terrific pace that practically every one of the men on the track called upon their partners for relief, and in some instances exchanged three or four times. The sprint ended when Fogler and Carmen were the victims of a spill. Neither man was hurt, and the race was resumed with Moran leading.

BRUSH'S WILL IS FILED.

Greater Part of Holdings, Including Ball Club, Made a Trust Estate.
 Indianapolis, December 9.—The will of John T. Brush, late owner of the New York National League baseball club, disposing of an estate estimated to be worth \$1,500,000, was filed for probate to-day. The greater part of the Brush holdings, including the ball club, is made a trust estate, and given into the care of Harry N. Hempstead, of Indianapolis, a son-in-law, and Ashley Lloyd, of Cincinnati. The will provides that these two, as trustees of the estate, may retain the holdings as long as profitable, or they may dispose of them at any time.

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League Directors Agree on Tentative Decision to Refer It to Commission.

RIGLER SEEKS MONEY DUE

Asserts That Philadelphia Club Owes Him \$2,200 for Signing Pitcher Rixey.

New York, December 9.—The claim of Roger Bresnahan against the St. Louis club for altered breach of contract probably will be settled by an arbitration commission in St. Louis. This was the tentative decision of the board of directors of the National League, at its meeting here to-day.

Bresnahan and his attorneys appeared before the board and presented the claim. The St. Louis club was represented by President James C. Pendergast, who also is an attorney. After listening to the arguments for and against Bresnahan's claim for four years' salary, the board suggested some sort of peaceful settlement, and the attorneys retired for an hour to discuss terms. On their return, the tentative arbitration plan was broached and received the sanction of the directors.

At the meeting of the board to-morrow a more definite plan will be adopted, but it was said in all probability the case would be settled by an arbitration commission in St. Louis, which, under the Missouri laws, would have power to subpoena witnesses and render a decision binding on all parties.

Previous to hearing the Bresnahan claim, the directors decided they had jurisdiction over such cases arising between club owners and players, and when the arbitration plan finally is adopted to-morrow, it will have the approval of the board, and its hearings will be under its sanction.

The claim of Empire pitcher Rixey to \$2,200 against the Philadelphia club for services in signing Pitcher Rixey gave the directors an opportunity to go on record as opposed to umpires acting as scouts. The claim of Rigler was placed on file, and a hearing probably will be held later this week to decide its merits. Empire pitcher alleges that he received \$2,200 of \$2,500 which the Philadelphia club agreed to pay if he signed Rixey, then a student at the University of Virginia.

December Crop Report.

Washington, December 9.—The December report of the crop reporting board, Bureau of Statistics, Department of Agriculture, compiled from reports of its correspondents and agents, and issued at 2:15 P. M. to-day, announced the area sown to winter wheat and rye and their condition on December 1 as follows:

Winter wheat—A preliminary estimate of the area sown to winter wheat this fall is 22,400,000 acres, compared with 22,100,000 acres, the revised figure for the area sown in the fall of 1911. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 92.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 86.4 per cent on December 1 last year, 82.5 per cent on December 1, 1910, and 89.9 per cent, the average condition on December 1 for the past ten years.

Rye—A preliminary estimate of the area sown to rye this fall is 2,400,000 acres, compared with 2,400,000 acres, the revised figure for the area sown in the fall of 1911. The condition of

New Captain of Virginia Football Team



AUDREY L. CARTER, GUARD.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Charlottesville, Va., December 9.—Virginia's football captain for next season will be Audrey L. Carter, of Houston, Texas. He was chosen this afternoon in the trophy room of the Payne-Whitney Gymnasium by the thirteen members of the team who were awarded their letter last week. The election followed the taking of the picture of the team for publication in the university annual, "Corks and Curis." Carter is one of the best tacklers ever at Virginia. He stands head and shoulders above every other guard in the South Atlantic division, and is a tower of strength of both offense and defense. In his two years at the university, he has made a wonderful showing, and is yet to meet an opponent his equal. On offense he is capable of opening big holes for the backfield, while on the defensive his work could hardly be improved upon. He is a student in the academic department, and is twenty years old. He came to Virginia from Lawrenceville, where James A. Reister, the noted sprinter, received his prep school education. Carter is very popular with the student body, and his selection meets with almost unanimous approval. With the big Texan as a leader, next year's eleven should prove one of the most formidable in the university's gridiron history. The only member of this year's team who will be lost by graduation is Captain Todd.

rye on December 1 was 93. per cent of a normal, compared with 93.3 per cent on December 1 last year; 92.6 per cent on December 1, 1910, and 93.2 per cent, the average condition on December 1 for the past ten years.

BIG GUN EXPLODES

Fragments Spread in Every Direction, But No One Is Injured.

New York, December 9.—A gun of fourteen-inch calibre and of fifty tons weight, the largest and newest type built by the United States government at a cost of \$120,000, exploded at the Sandy Hook proving grounds to-day. The big gun blew to pieces without causing so much as a scratch to the men around it.

The two-ton breech block was blown a quarter of a mile, the muzzle was hurled still farther away, and fragments spread in every direction, but no one was injured. Ordnance Officer Michael Brennan, who was standing on the temporary disappearing carriage, was not struck, although the structure itself was wrecked.

Brennan was thrown many yards, but sustained hardly a bruise. Other officers and men, in charge of the firing, were behind a wall which protected them from injury. The big gun, which hurled a projectile weighing 1,600 pounds at a range of 12,000 yards, was successfully fired several times in tests last month, and was believed to be in perfect condition. A charge of 24 pounds of smokeless powder was used.

Speculation as to the cause of the accident brought out the belief that perhaps the sudden drop in the tem-

perature had some effect on the gun. Officially, Lieutenant-Colonel Babbitt, who commanded the firing, declared that the cause of the explosion had not been determined.

THOMPSON GUEST OF HONOR

He Speaks at Banquet of Electricians in Philadelphia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Philadelphia, Pa., December 9.—W. L. Thompson, of Richmond, was a guest of honor at a dinner given to members of the International Society of Municipal Electricians by Chief Pike, of the electrical bureau, at the Engineers' Club. Chief John W. Kelly, of the Electrical Bureau of Camden, presided, and called upon Mr. Thompson, who, in response, told those present of the great system of underground wires, which is the big feature of the city of Richmond's electrical bureau.

He also described at length the fire and police alarm system, which he claimed to be a model one.

Flynn Welcomes Favorite.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 9.—A flood of Flynn money was turned loose to-day, and the Pueblo fireman, who a few days ago was a short-order in the betting on his fight with Luther McCarthy to-morrow night, became a 10 to 3 favorite.

It was announced that the fireman would go into the ring at 190. As McCarthy is expected to weight between 200 and 205, the weight handicap against Flynn will not be so heavy as at first thought.

STRICTLY STATE LEAGUE ON TAPIS

Six North Carolina Cities Are Expected to Perfect Organization.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Winston-Salem, N. C., December 9.—The outlook for the formation of a strictly State baseball league is today very hopeful. President Wear, of the Carolina League, has called a meeting of the directors, to be held in Charlotte next Thursday for the purpose of perfecting an organization for the 1913 season. Asheville and Raleigh have given notice that they are prepared to take membership in the new league and post \$1,000 checks as a guarantee that they will maintain a team throughout the coming season. News also comes from Durham that the fans there have become interested, and that a committee was out the past week soliciting funds preparatory to making application for a franchise.

Dr. R. O. Apple, secretary of the Carolina Association, today sent telegrams to Durham, Raleigh and Asheville asking that representatives be in Charlotte Thursday next with their checks and proper credentials if those cities want to get in the professional game and play ball during the coming spring and summer. At the meeting in Charlotte a committee will likely be named, after an organization is perfected, to draft by-laws and arrange a schedule, to be submitted to the directors at a later meeting.

Bowling NEWPORT TENPIN LEAGUE

Cook Printing Company and Alcos played off their postponed series last night, the latter winning two out of three games. Neither team was up to proper form, but all the games were close and interesting. Scores:

Cook Printing Company		1	2	3	Totals
McFarland	181	126	230	537	
Jennings	199	156	—	355	
Halley	160	171	137	468	
Deasy	144	187	127	458	
Thorpe	—	181	209	390	
Cooke	146	—	129	275	
Alcos		839	831	832	2,502

Alcos		1	2	3	Totals
Spilling	138	195	184	417	
Williams	171	199	188	558	
Sutcliffe	160	166	161	487	
Whitman	170	177	150	497	
Kennedy	168	182	180	530	
		777	919	863	2,559

Commercial League

This league started off last night as per schedule, with games between Bishop Ship Company and Vaughan-Robertson Drug Company. The former succeeded in winning all three games, but each by a small margin. The teams being very evenly matched. Davis had high total, while Bennett, Thorpe, Farrer, Bishop, Littlepage and Miller all rolled good average games.

Wednesday night T. W. Wood and O. H. Berry Co. meet, and another close contest is looked for. Scores:

Vaughan-Robertson Drug Co.		1	2	3	Totals
Farrar, captain	189	147	129	465	
Miller	129	147	157	433	
Littlepage	199	121	153	473	
Phipp	102	132	165	399	
Cook	116	195	150	461	
Bishop Ship Co.		726	732	731	2,189

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Bishop Ship Co.		1	2	3	Totals
Bishop, captain	152	154	157	463	
Davis, A. L.	187	156	158	501	
Thorpe	117	193	165	475	
Bennett	173	164	140	477	
Nussey	153	98	144	395	
		775	765	742	2,382

The Alcos team won two out of three games for the Palace team last night, in the Palace Tenpin League. Cosby was high bowler. Gayle and Lohman rolled well.

Scores last night:

Alcos		1	2	3	Totals
C. Lohmann	85	91	111	287	
L. Lohmann	91	95	91	277	
Gayle	102	83	105	290	
Watkins	82	90	90	262	
Blind	85	85	85	255	
Totals		446	444	452	1,372

Palace.

Palace.		1	2	3	Totals
Cosby	121	99	107	327	
Anderson	74	78	82	234	
Manly	95	84	75	254	
W. Brown	80	82	92	254	
Blind	85	85	85	255	
Totals		455	429	442	1,326

Scorer, Dimples; pin judge, Askew.

Game Wednesday night—Times-Dispatch vs. Virginians, at 8 o'clock.

Standing of Teams.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Palace	15	10	5	.566
Journals	18	10	8	.555
Virginians	15	8	7	.533
Times-Dispatch	15	8	7	.523
News Leader	12	5	7	.414
Alcos	21	7	14	.333

BOSTON NATIONALS WILL PLAY IN RICHMOND.

New York, December 9.—Secretary Herman Nickerson, of the Boston Nationals, gave out the training schedule for the club to-night. The team will train at Athens, Ga., beginning March 2. The spring schedule includes: March 21-22, Atlanta (Southern); March 23, Atlanta (Southern); April 2-3, Richmond (Virginia); in Richmond, 4-5, Washington (American); in Washington, 7-8, Baltimore (International); in Baltimore, 9-10, New York (American). Nickerson today received the 1912 contract of Miguel Gonzales, the Cuban catcher.

Will Be Married on Thursday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Albemarle, Va., December 9.—A quiet marriage will take place on Thursday at the Hotel Belmont, when Miss Lucille Scott, daughter of H. H. Scott, the proprietor of the hotel, will be united in marriage to Floyd R. McConnell, cashier of the People's National Bank of this place.

Miss Scott had planned for a church wedding, with several attendants, but on account of the prolonged illness of her mother, has decided to have it very quiet.

She has been the guest of honor at a number of beautiful entertainments. Miss Otis Wells entertained for her on Monday of this week with a miscellaneous shower. On last Wednesday

SYSTEM OF ALUMNI COACHING JUSTIFIED

Singing Anthem at Annual Dinner Tendered to This Year's Letter Men of Virginia Football Team.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Charlottesville, Va., December 9.—Merry quip and jibe ruled at the annual football dinner tendered by the General Athletic Association of the University of Virginia to the letter men of this year's varsity squad. Mixed with the gladsome felicitations voiced from many mouths were not infrequently allusions to those who would be absent from the gridiron when the call to arms is sounded next season. Twenty-four graced the board when Dr. William Lambeth (he was plain "Bill" to-night) announced that it was perfectly proper to begin operations upon a tempting menu, which literally was a feast of reason, besides other things.

There were discussions of every topic under the sun. Captain Tommy Todd, the Texas tornado, received heaps of commendation for the work he had achieved. Cheerful Carter, cherub from Chilmington, who was elected captain of the 1913 eleven, joyous Jett, from Jeterstown; Handsome Harris, Wopderous Wolfolk; Mary, Maiden, Racing Redus; Marvelous Mayer and Gorgeous Gooch, each of this year's trouping troubadours, all pledged themselves back on the job next season to win honor and fame.

The good intent was interlarded with a good-humored gathering. There was naught but joy and rejoicing. Early defeats and even those of later date were lost in the tumult of applause.

Miss Willie Trigg gave a beautiful tea in honor of Miss Scott, and on Friday Miss Eliza Cosby and Miss Mary Lee Honaker gave a "novelty shower."

The marriage will take place at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, and the young couple will leave on the evening train for a tour in the North.

Two Bachelors Asphyxiated.
 Fall River, Mass., December 9.—Two brothers, Louis and Peter Paoxa, both middle-aged bachelors, were asphyxiated in their apartments here last night when a gas fixture became loosened. Peter had planned to leave to-day for a long trip abroad.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—John Drew, in "The Perplexed Husband," matinee and night.
 Bijou—The Shepherd of the Hills, matinee and night.

Colony—Vaudeville.
 Empire—Vaudeville.
 Lubin—Vaudeville.

John Drew Has His Best Play in Years.

John Drew himself is always well worth seeing, because of the polished perfection of his skilled technique, and his annual appearances are always worthy of note, because of the opportunity that they afford the theater-going public to witness, not only the famous star, but invariably a company of excellent actors, in a thoroughly adequate production of whatever play may have been chosen for his season's vehicle. In other words, no matter what the play, Mr. Drew and his company may be counted upon from the experience of many years to give a performance de luxe in its sheer workmanship, judged from the purely technical standpoint.

This season, however, while the sureness of his dead touch, the sure assistance of his supporting company and the accustomed completeness of the production obtain to the full extent that we have learned to expect, all these unite in the presentation of a comedy worthy of the best efforts of any producer, actor and cast.

In Alfred Sutra's "The Perplexed Husband," Charles Frohman has provided Mr. Drew with the best play that he has had in many years. It is a comedy of manners, delicate and rarefied in its delicious humor, yet with a very real intent and purpose underlying its railing. Sol of Miracles, with a keen, witty and delightful satire, abounding in lines that suggest thoughts all of us have heard projected again and again, it compelled those of us who were wise enough to go to the Academy of Music last night to snuggle down in our chairs and chuckle through two hours and a half of coquetation.

Sophie Polling (Nina Sevin), a happily married woman, has been led by her friend, Mrs. Elated (Margaret Watson) and by Clarence Woodhouse, "The Master" (Hubert Druce) into a gnawing belief that she is not fulfilling her true purpose. So, joining the "League of Women," and spouts the stereotyped platitudes about the right to live her own life, treason to her sex, "sex equality," and all the other phrases of her epicure cult. Then, when her husband, Thomas Polling (John Drew), returns from a journey and tries to take her in his arms, she repels him, and, vowing that she has craved to be "a parasite, a doll, mere song-bird," declaring that she must "guide" herself, "learn" herself, she reveals her astounding conclusion that her husband is "a stranger," and that they must live together, but apart, unless "the miracle happens." Whereupon the husband, who is a human being and has no conception of miracle, being and is also a human being and sister, who is also a human being and a pretty woman, believing in pretty clothes and the attractiveness of the eternal feminine. As a result of this conference, the husband, assuming the right exercised by his wife of inviting whom she pleases to stay with them, persuades a lovely young girl, Miss Vince (Mary Holland), to come and live in the house, under the pretext of converting her to his wife's views, which he has already violently embraced.

The inevitable happens; in theory, the wife is strong and earnest in her uplift belief, but when the theory reaches the practical point of hitting herself out of her husband's life, she allowing a younger and lovelier woman to supplant her, she casts theories to the winds and becomes a cave woman again, seeking her mate. And, fortunately, it is not too late; he is waiting for her.

In a necessarily limited space, it is possible to give a brief synopsis of the story, but it is not possible to describe very intelligently the character so remarkably drawn by Alfred Sutra, so remarkably played by Mr. Drew and his associate players. This is the proper phrase, for it is far from a one-man play, and only very good actors could have portrayed so vividly the meaning of each character.

Not since "The Second Commandment" has Mr. Drew been more effective, as light comedy was clean-cut and lifelike, as always, but beneath that, there was

a glimpse now and then of the actor whose ability is partly inherited partly fostered by his period of training in the greatest of stock companies and furnished by his own experience and his own utterly concealed, the beauty of her own hair under a red-tinted Grecian coiffure, but remained a Kalleia, as she called herself, worthy of the name. She posed as an apostle of the beautiful. "All that is good is beautiful, and all that is bad is ugly," was her doctrine, and the gentle satire of her role was softened and sweetened by her utterly feminine loveliness. As worthy of her trust was Clarence Woodhouse as Hubert Druce played the part. A kindly, wise old "Beloved Vagabond" was "The Master" of Mr. Druce, a "precious" laughing at himself and smiling at those who follow him. Such an actor as we see all too rarely. Mr. Druce presented a character without a flaw.

Margaret Watson played Mrs. Elated with convincing earnestness. Carefully shabby, as was Mr. Druce, she made the figure pathetic rather than detestable. Nina Sevin's wife would have been more real with less affectedness of pronunciation.

The performance and the play were a lesson in the arts of acting and of playwriting, besides being thoroughly enjoyable, but unfortunately Mr. Drew is not in musical comedy, hence there was a small house. And in order to maintain Richmond's reputation, which has become national among actors, a large part of the audience arrived late and snored the first part of the performance.

W. Douglas Gordon.

"The Shepherd of the Hills."

This week's offering at the Bijou "The Shepherd of the Hills," which according to hearsay evidence, is good will be reviewed to-morrow.

W. D. G.

Amusements

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